

## Notic.

Having sold a half my business, and desiring to up my individual affairs as speedily as possible, I earnestly request all those indebted to me to settle with out delay.

S. P. ARCHISON.

Wm. Cravens, of Jones Branch, sold his tobacco to J. D. Noel at 7c.

Ed Richardson, aged 23, died of consumption on Pecked Oak Saturday.

While paying your New Year bills don't forget the Doctor.

It is learned that the hardware store of John A. Ramsey & Co. will change hands.

Nurseryman Hillenmeyer, of Lexington, writes the Danville Advocate that the fruit prospect up to Jan. 18th was all right.

The Continental Tobacco Co., known as the "Tobacco Trust," has announced its intention to confine its buying to the big city brokers.

FOR RENT.—My house and lot on High street. Apply to Mrs. Nancy Crouch, Owingsville, Ky.

The Owingsville Marble & Granite Co. sold five monuments last Thursday to be erected in the Owingsville Cemetery here. Some were nice ones.

S. P. Atchison sold his saloon and pool room at Morehead to Joseph Bros. Tom Daugherty will continue with the new firm and George Jones will return to Texas.

You want a Doctor to come in a hurry. Pay him promptly.

CANDY-PULLING.—The ladies of the Methodist Sunday school will give a candy-pulling over J. M. Brother's drug-store, Friday night, January 27th. Admission 10 cents. All are cordially invited.

The County Judge is now using the proceeds of the recent sale of county bonds to pay off the certificates of indebtedness given by the Fiscal Court in the purchase of the turnpike roads of the county.

T. S. Shroat will sell you Furniture, Buggies and Coffins cheaper than anyone. Cash or credit.

Robertson Bros., of Bethel, sold on the Louisville-breaks last week a hoghead of tobacco at \$13.75 per hundred pounds. That is the highest price of the 1898 Bath county crop in either Louisville or Cincinnati.

Elder White's protracted meeting at the Christian Church closed last Friday night. Four additions were made to the church. They were four of the most popular youths of town just on the threshold of manhood. The meeting was a decided success.

When you sell your tobacco go pay your Doctor. You will want him again.

We have to repeat to our correspondents that it is against our rules to print in correspondence articles extolling this or that man for an office. There would be no end to such matter and it would crowd out the news. Nearly all newspapers treat such matter as advertising and charge for it.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.—Morris Evans, constable, of Bethel, arrested a negro Monday morning on Chas. Wilson's farm, near Bethel, who is thought to be one Fox, who is wanted in Kenton county for murder. The negro tallies exactly with the general description and photograph furnished by the Chief of Police of Covington. There is a reward of \$100 offered for him.

If you want Lime, Brick, Cement, Plaster's Hair, Ralls, Posts, Shingles, Boards, &c., you can get them at Brother & Goodpastor's.

SUPERVISORS' WORK.—The County Board of Tax Supervisors, composed of S. T. Howard, Jas. W. Lane, H. M. Butcher, George Clayton and J. T. Kimbrough, finished their supervision of the tax list Saturday afternoon. The assessors had returned the property at \$2,943,404. The Board raised that to \$3,194,817, making the total \$5,138,226. The franchisees, such as railroads, banks, etc., will bring the taxable property of the county up to about \$3,500,000.

FOR SALE.—A new Sayers & Sonville's new hand-made, brass-mounted business made by C. P. M. Goodwin; and a good buggy harness. Will sell all together, or separately. OWINGSVILLE GRANITE & MARBLE CO.

DEATH OF GEO. B. ELLINGTON.—Died, after an illness of about four weeks, of typhoid fever, at his home, on Licking river, in Rowan Co., near Yale, Friday morning, Jan. 18th, 1899, Geo. B. Ellington. He was a son of John W. and Nancy Jane Ellington, both deceased. He was born Sept. 8th, 1861, in Rowan county. His wife was the daughter of Judge Goodwin. She and three sons survive him. George was a genial and kind friend, a true husband, and an affectionate father. Farming was his occupation. He was industrious and frugal and accumulated sufficient property to live in comfort and dispense the most cordial hospitality to all comers. He will be sadly missed in the circle of his relatives and friends. Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the bereaved.

CONTRIBUTED.

YOUNG 'UN.—Seen at the office. Enter visitor, aged six, with a couple of empty bottles. Reporter—"What are you going to do with your bottles?"

Tot, pointing at the G. Wash—"What's that for?"

Reporter—"Answer my question and I'll answer yours."

Tot—"Well, what is that thing?"

Reporter—"That's the press on which we print newspapers."

The visitor starts out.

Reporter—"Hold on! Remember our agreement."

Tot, with mysterious air and bated breath—"I'm going to sell these bottles—but I'll bring you the money."

And he was gone.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to us please call and settle their accounts at once.

Respt., S. SLESHER.

FINE FOX CHASE.—Cliff Hardin and Joe Scott, of Bethel neighborhood, came up to Squire John A. Daugherty's last week and on Wednesday morning they and some others, with fourteen hounds, went out on Clover Creek to have a fox chase. They rode up a fox in full sight of both men and dogs on Roe Myers' farm. The chase began in a burst of excitement, went down Clover to the mouth, up Licking river long way and then back over through Marion Moore's farm. The chase continued the better part of the day around in that country and is pronounced by the hunters one of the best they ever participated in. They had the misfortune, however, to lose six of their dogs.

Are you doing anything for your Doctor? He does lots for your family.

SPECULATION.—Sharpsburg, Ky., Jan. 20th, 1899.—EDITOR OUTLOOK. Dear Sir: I noticed from your last issue you stated in regard to the Black Diamond that any one giving their note to the road for one hundred dollars, payable when the road was made, you understood said note was sold to some one at fifty dollars. You did not state all that is reported here along that line. They also agree to give the holder of the one hundred dollar note when the road is made two hundred dollars. So you can see the person furnishing the fifty dollars for the hundred dollar note speculates on a large scale in a small way.

F. S. ALLEN.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c. feb20

ROAD SOLD.—Hon. A. W. Bascom has sold to the Fiscal Court of Montgomery Co. that portion of the Owingsville & Mt. Sterling turnpike road lying in Montgomery Co. for \$17,400, or part value for the stock, for cash, provided the county bond sale is taken up. If not they are to pay him one-half of the amount in cash and issue certificates for the balance in two annual equal payments, bearing 6 per cent. interest from date. That is just and right. The road is paying 8 per cent. dividends, and with the low rate—less than 4 per cent.—that the county bonds sell for it looks like Mr. Bascom has certainly been liberal with the Court. The Bath Co. Fiscal Court ought to at once pay Mr. Bascom what he asks—par value for his stock—for the Bath end of the road.

The Doctor has to pay his Jan. 1st accounts as well as others. Pay him your bill.

MARTT-FOUCH.—Married, at the residence of the bride's father, M. F. Fouch, at Elliottsville, Rowan Co., Sunday, Mr. O. F. Martt and Miss Myrtle Fouch. They will return here next Monday. Mr. Martt was raised in Gallio Co., Ohio. He has resided near town with John Boaz for the past two years. He is an exemplary young man, with the best of morals, is thrifty, having saved up his wages, and is prepared to occupy the property that W. T. Phelps vacates the first of February, on Hon. A. W. Bascom's farm and will work for Mr. Bascom. Not being acquainted with Miss Fouch, but being well acquainted with her father, ex-Sheriff M. F. Fouch, of Rowan Co., can say that she has the blood in her to make an exemplary, industrious wife. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Martt.

ROCK CRUSHER.—Olympia, Ky.—To the authorities of the county of Bath: There has been a good deal of talk about the best and cheapest way of keeping up the pikes in this county. I have had some experience with a rock crusher. My advice to you is to buy a small engine and a rock crusher and set them on the side of the pike or near, and in that way with 60 or 80 pounds of steam you can nap more rock in one day than 25 men can with napping hammers. You can haul this napped rock from three to four miles each way and make more road and better road with from four to six hands than you can with 25 any other way. The way to experience this is to examine the pike that I made near this place thirteen years ago. A crusher breaks the stone better and finer and it cements together better and makes nicer and better road and is cheaper than any other way it can be done.

J. K. JACKSON.

MONTGOMERY-WITT.—Mr. Charles Montgomery and Miss Ida M. Witt, of near Ewington, Montgomery county, were united in marriage at Catlettsburg Jan. 20th. The ceremony took place at the Mansard Hotel, I. B. Hutchison officiating. They left for Washington county, Virginia, where they will make their home. We learn that the bride is a daughter of Brack Witt, a well known citizen formerly of near this town. The young people are strangers to us, but Brack and his wife are good people, and we doubt not that the happy young folks are worthy also. Good wishes are extended to them.

ROBERT WELLS DEAD.—A dispatch came to THE OUTLOOK Saturday afternoon from A. Hamilton, Kansas City, Mo., as follows:—"Robert Wells died, Cass county, Mo., last night. Aged about 74. Cause, dropsy."

The news was sad for the multitude of kind folks and friends in this county. He was a native of this county, a member of one of the very numerous branches of the Wells family. He and his brothers Alf and Coot were all prominent men. Alf died in Arkansas about five years ago. Coot died on Roe's Run, this county, a few years ago. Robert followed the occupation of farmer. He joined the Confederate army during the Civil War and became Captain of a company. Shortly after the close of the war he was elected Sheriff of this county and served one term. He removed to the West about in the early 80's. His wife was a Miss Webster. She survives; also some children. Mrs. Butler Toy, of near Craig, being a daughter. Mrs. Samuel Goodan, on the Preston pike, is a sister of deceased. Captain Wells was a man of magnetic popularity and was highly esteemed by the people. THE OUTLOOK joins in expressions of condolence to the bereaved family.

SAD ACCIDENT TO THOMAS BOTTS.—On Monday of last week Thomas Botts, one of the best known old citizens of the Pecked Oak neighborhood, was driving in his vehicle. In going up an incline the king-bolt broke and Mr. Botts fell from the vehicle in such a way that he was suspended head downward between the seat and a wheel. He must have been in that position a long time before he was found. He was unconscious when discovered and has been in a precarious condition ever since. It is feared that even if he should survive his mind will not recover from the effects of the blood remaining on the brain while he was in suspension head downward so long a time. His daughter Miss Pearl, who was going to school here, was sent for and went home on Tuesday following the accident.

Later.—Mr. Botts died Friday and was buried at the Keith graveyard Sunday. He was a highly respected citizen, and the last of the older members of the Botts family, which was one of the prominent ones that settled the Pecked Oak section. John, Jefferson and Green Botts, his brothers, have all been dead several years. Thomas Botts' wife was a Keith. She died some years ago. Some sons and one daughter survive.

THE PROPERTY VALUATION MUST BE INCREASED.—AN UNUSUALLY large number of taxpayers were summoned before the County Board of Tax Supervisors to show cause why their assessments should not be increased. As we understand it, "a condition and not a theory" confronted the Supervisors. That condition is that a larger sum of money than ever is now necessary to run the county government, public charities, and to pay interest on or part principal of the county debt, and the percentage limit of the law is reached in rates of taxation. Nothing but an increase of the valuation of property will enable the required sum to be raised by taxation. Of course, many of those whose property has been raised are grumbling. Those who have consistently opposed certain county policies that have rendered necessary the collection of increased taxes have a moral right to complain of the effects of those policies. Those who have favored those policies or have let them be adopted without protest though duly warned are morally debarrated from the right to complain. But we all have a right to learn from these experiences and to try to have adopted in the future policies of retrenchment and reform. There are some policies from which it is too late now to turn. The free-turnpike policy is one. That must now be tested through a series of years. In fact, the roads must be kept in repair at any cost or allowed to go to ruin. There is no likelihood that this generation will see corporations willing to again own and operate the turnpikes even if the county should make an utter failure of keeping them up and should abandon the policy. To keep up the roads alone will render necessary a high rate of taxation. There is no escaping it now.

But there is a policy in which a substantial retrenchment can be made. That is the public charities. Look at the list of claims allowed and it can be seen what a burden that has become. Public charity will always be grossly abused while it remains the policy to have it administered by anybody that chooses to do so and gets the sanction of the Fiscal Court by the allowance of claims presented.

A TOWN ENTERPRISE.—AN OUTLOOK reporter in strolling around hunting an item dropped into the new blacksmith, buggy and wagon shop of W. B. Power and was astonished at the magnitude of this industry. Mr. Power has a large shop on the ground floor, with the upper floor he stores the finished products of his shop. The reporter was agreeably surprised at the amount of stock he carries. He was just finishing up some of his own latest road carts that have such a reputation. Mr. Power informed the reporter that he would add in the early spring a line of new buggies. Everything is hustling in that shop.

STEELIE - McKINNEVAN.—Mr. George Steele and Miss Lillie McKinnivan were united in matrimony by Elder Parker at his residence Wednesday of last week. The attendants were Isaac W. Jones and Miss Fannie Hamilton, Walter Hamilton and Miss Oddie Powers. The bride party were given a reception at the hospitable home of W. D. Darnell, on Flat Creek, Wednesday night. A large number of guests were present and a merry evening was enjoyed by all. They went next day to Mr. Steele's sister Mrs. Arthur Jacobs, at Judy, Montgomery county, where they were nicely entertained. They came to the home of the bride's parents Saturday and were given a reception.

The bride is the handsome daughter of G. W. McKinnivan, of White Oak Creek. She is young, but gives promise of noble womanhood and will be a worthy helpmate for her husband. The bridegroom is a son of Cass Steele, of Flat Creek, and is a clever, industrious, popular young man. THE OUTLOOK wishes them all sorts of happiness and success in their married life.

CINCINNATI TOBACCO MARKET.—Cincinnati, O., January 20, 1899.

Offerings. Week. Year. Rejections. 573 1,048 Actual Sales. 1,631 3,029 Receipts. 1,401 3,040 Offerings of New. 1,243 2,500

The present week offered the almost forgotten spectacle of offerings sufficiently large to crowd out one of the houses. The Bodmann, having the last sale, had not been reached on Wednesday, when the sales stopped at 4 o'clock, and their large offerings went over to Thursday morning. During the short crop year this hardly ever happened, but we may look for the same occurrence more frequently in this year, particularly under the present prospect that the large manufacturers will look to the open markets for their supply, instead of making large purchases in the country. Shippers will, therefore, do well to use four days of the week for their offerings instead of almost confining themselves to Wednesday and Thursday.

The market was improved on old tobacco, which is not at all surprising, because the stocks of these goods in the warehouses are very light and are, of course, getting smaller every day. All of this tobacco seems to be selling higher. The advance on low and medium grades of old stock, which we reported in our last week, was fully sustained, and has in this week extended itself to the better grades. Sales of the latter were very much more satisfactory than we have known them for many months. There was quite a large offering of new tobacco. Prices were no higher than last reported. The bidding on these goods is liberal, all manufacturers buying them, but there is as yet no speculation in them, either in the market or in the country. The fact is that on the present market country dealers can not see a profit over prices asked by farmers, and as a result hardly any country purchases have so far been made, which is quite unusual for this time of the year.

Cincinnati Western Tobacco Journal.

FROM DIXIE.—Yazoo City, Miss., Jan. 16, 1899.—Dear OUTLOOK.—By this you will see I am once more wandering amid the cotton fields of the South.

Years ago we learned to look upon those living in this section as enemies and cared little if fortune failed to smile on them. That day has passed, and we think of them as brothers and a part of one great nation, for now "We all unite as once we did, To keep our flag unfurled; And Columbia can fearlessly bid Defiance to the world." But fast would flow a nation's tears If lawless hands should seize The flag that's waved an hundred years In the battle and the breeze."

## REMOVING SALE!

We are going to leave Owingsville by March 1st, and rather than remove the large stock of

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS and NOTIONS

now on hands we will sell them to the people of Bath and adjoining counties at prices heretofore unknown to them. Nothing reserved, everything goes. Come early before stock is picked over.

Yours truly,

Vic Bloomfield & Co.,

BLUE FRONT CASH STORE.

perly to the South, and that must come only with the advent of Northern farmers.

We have been having an unusual amount of rain in this section. On Jan. 5th the rainfall was 5.90 inches in 24 hours, and 7.20 inches in 30 hours. Today it is clear and about as cool as we usually have the latter part of April in Kentucky. Kentucky: even here in the sunny Southland, the what of the myrtle, palmetto, magnolia and daisy between the towering hills of hope; we see it in the distance, and its grass-covered hills glint memory's fairest page in gilt and gold, and we long to return to its hospitable shore.

H. C. MEAD.

THE TOBACCO GROWERS' LEAGUE OF KENTUCKY.—Lexington, Ky., Jan. 21, 1899.—Dear Sir: When your League was in session Dec. 5, at Lexington, a Board of Directors was authorized. They have been selected and have continuously been at work since endeavoring to benefit the growers of tobacco. A committee from the Board visited Louisville and requested the warehouses to make some concessions in their charges, and also a committee was sent to Cincinnati, for the same purpose. In hopes that any concessions that they might make would have a tendency to persuade the farmers who could not hold their tobacco to ship it to the market and not sell in the country to the manufacturers' agents.

The following houses in Cincinnati, the Bodman, The Globe, The Cincinnati-Miami and The Morris, have made the following concessions, to wit: To rebate \$1.50 per hoghead charges, provided the tobacco comes to them before they have made any advancements thereon, and if advancements are required after the tobacco has been received by them, will make the same to an extent reasonably safe at a charge of 8% per annum and still rebate the \$1.50 per hoghead. We enclose herewith a copy of their letter.

The Louisville warehouses refuse to make any concessions whatever. We respectfully call your attention to Section 19 of the Acts of the Legislature 1897-98-99.

A meeting of the State League is called to meet in Lexington at 12 o'clock Jan. 31, for the purpose of considering a number of matters that will be brought before it. We would urge on you to secure as many members to the League as possible prior to this time and to be fully represented at the State meeting.

Yours very respectfully,

J. L. LISLIS, Secy.

(Copy of Cincinnati letter.)

Cincinnati, Jan. 19th, 1899.

The Tobacco Growers' League of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.

Gentlemen:—

Complying with your request we hereby reiterate the agreement we had with you, with reference to warehouse charges on tobacco, to be shipped us by members of your League and other matters. Our understanding of the same is as follows:—

First. We agree with you that the present custom of writing the packer's or owner's name on the sample tag is a useless practice which should be abandoned, and that we will employ our best efforts to have it abandoned. We are told by representatives of several manufacturers that they will not insist on the continuance of this custom and that it might be arranged between the warehouses of Cincinnati and Louisville. The Louisville warehouses have so far, through their representatives, declined to agree with us in the matter, but we will certainly try to have it adjusted in our own market.

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## EUGENE MINIHAN, MAKER OF SADDLES and HARNESS OF ALL KINDS. Our KENTUCKY SPRING SADDLE

Rides easier, lasts longer and is the best saddle made. I am selling HOME-MADE Saddles and Harness, Wagon-Breeching, Check Lines, &c., cheaper than dealers sell common machine-made goods which they tell you are hand-made. I am closing out a large lot of BUGGY ROBES at about half the price others are charging for them. When you buy Saddles and Harness from me you buy direct from the manufacturer and save the dealers' profit. Our name on all our Saddles and Harness is a guarantee it is the best.

EUGENE MINIHAN, OWINGSVILLE, KY.

## ATCHISON & JONES.

Dealers in Drugs, Groceries, Fruits, Fine Candles, Stationery and Perfumes. Also agents for OLD BARTON WHISKIES and Fine Wines.

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Funeral Furnishing. Careful and considerate service. Modern equipments. Hearse always furnished free. Prices reasonable. Try us.

MASONIC BLDG., OWINGSVILLE, KY.

## C. S. TEMPLEMAN, MOOREFIELD, KY.

Agent for The Hurst Home Insurance Co., and Firemen Fraternity Insurance Co.

FOR THE COUNTIES OF RATH, NICHOLAS & MONTGOMERY. ALSO SOLICITOR FOR The Farmers' Friend, MILLERSBURG, KY.

ADVANTAGES: 1. No loss, no cost. 2. Keeps money at home. 3. Pays what it carries and carries what it is willing to pay. 4. Cannot break, since it is secured by Kentucky real estate. 5. Policy perpetual and valued; that is, pays what it carries. 6. Can live in your house without violating conditions of your policy. 7. Cost half the old line companies charge for fire alone.

## A NEW YEAR AND A NEW BUSINESS.

Try us. We will sell you GROCERIES cheaper than anybody, give you top price for your produce. Do not fail to come in and see us before opening an account elsewhere. Come in and get our prices and we know we can sell you if you want Groceries.

PERRY & BROTHER,

3 DOORS BELOW POSTOFFICE. Bloomfield's old stand.

## COME A-RUNNIN'

To our store when you want Groceries, Confectionery, Canned Goods, Tinware, Etc.,

Cheaper than you can buy them anywhere else in Eastern Ky. None but the freshest and best handled.

All goods delivered free in Owingsville and suburbs.

PARK & BARNES.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

CONTINUED FROM FOURTH PAGE.

Sherburne.

J. T. Fletcher sold to Jeff Atchison one sow and eight pigs for \$17.50.

Robertson Bros., of Bethel, will receive tobacco at the warehouse of Mrs. Scott this week.

S. J. Daugherty sold J. S. Johnson, of Moorefield, a pair of 5-year-old mules, 15 hands 1 in. high, for \$130.

Henry Haughey has sold the mail line to a Mr. Davis, of Tilton, for the balance of his time; consideration, \$500. The line changes hands March 1st.

Between the hours of 2 and 3 a. m. Friday morning the citizens of our little town were awakened from their slumbers by the dread cry of fire. The fire was discovered in the building occupied by Cosby Burgess as a residence, general store and postoffice, Dud Harmon's shoe-shop and Charlie Stone's barber shop. When discovered the fire was in the back room and upstairs in the shoe and barber-shop. Most of the furniture, mail and P. O. were saved. The store and contents were totally destroyed. The building was \$1,200 insurance on the building and \$1,000 on the stock of goods. This is the third time in the past few weeks that this building has been on fire. It was undoubtedly of incendiary origin. Situated as the building was in the center of the town and surrounded by buildings of highly inflammable material, it is remarkable that no more damage was done. Nothing but the heroic work and cool heads of our citizens, together with the stillness of the night, saved the town.

The very finest. The ne plus ultra. The creme de la creme. That's HARRIS' Whisky in three languages. Sold by Young & Lane, Owingsville.

Louisville Daily Evening Post and The Outlook sent to any address one year, \$2.85.

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W. H. HOSHAL & CO., COMMISSION MERCHANTS, CATTLE, HOGS and SHEEP. UNION STOCK YARDS, CINCINNATI, O. TELEPHONE 7346.

All information regarding live stock cheerfully furnished. Consign your stock direct to us.











Correspondents will please remember to mail their items so that they will reach us on Monday. This matter is seriously important to us.

#### CLUBBING TERMS.

The Owensville Outlook and either of the following will be sent for one year for the price named:

Outlook and Twice-a-Week Courier-Journal, \$1.30.

Outlook and Weekly Cincinnati Commercial Tribune, \$1.40.

Outlook and Louisville Daily Evening Post, \$2.85.

#### NOUJNEMENT.

TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF BATH COUNTY.—I hereby declare myself as a candidate for the office of Judge of the Bath County Court, subject to the action of the Democratic party, and declare that I favor the following:—

1st. An economical administration of the fiscal affairs of the county;

2d. The payment of all just and legal obligations of the county in the most speedy manner consistent with public interests;

3d. A reduction of expenses, including salaries of county officers;

4th. The further acquiring and taking up of all the remaining turnpike roads in the county and keeping them in repair;

5th. An economical and judicious expenditure of the turnpike fund, to the end that free turnpikes may reach the free legitimate conclusions and expectations and desires of the people.

Upon these issues I solicit your support. JOHN A. DAUGHERTY.

THURSDAY, JAN. 26, 1899.

#### Government Management is the Costliest.

From nearly all the counties of Kentucky that made the turnpikes free of toll come complaints of the miserable condition of the once good to fine turnpike roads.

It is too early yet to pass final judgment upon the free-turnpike policy. But there are some facts, plainly foreseen by all thoughtful people who impartially considered the subject when it was first broached, that will be proved—in fact, are being proved—beyond question. One of these facts is that a county will not keep the roads in as good repair as the companies that owned and managed them at anything near the same cost to the people. Another fact is that a county will not make the repairs promptly as they are needed.

From observation of what goes on constantly in all governmental matters, whether town, county, State or national, everybody ought to know that the public business is the costliest and worst managed of all businesses. One cause is the public business being everybody's business is considered too often nobody's business. Too many people that respect ordinary private property rights have little or none for corporation rights and for public property and the whole people's rights thereon. Governmental property and the public treasury are considered legitimate prey. Time and again does one hear it stated by some frank goods-box philosopher that he considers it legitimate to beat a city hotel and a railroad because they are run by stock corporations, and he will add that if he had a chance with Uncle Sam he would feather his nest to the utmost the opportunity afforded. The disciples assembled about him acquiesce, or at least you never hear a dissenting opinion, showing that such sentiments are far too common.

Another reason for bad management of public business is that the people as a rule choose for officers the best politicians. It may be that the officers are good business men also, but good politicians without business qualifications will in nearly every contest defeat the good business men unversed in politics or unwilling to practice the politician's arts. This is more especially true in district or State elections.

In view of these facts it is singular that there is such a tendency to put into the hands of some division of the government all sorts of businesses that are well managed by private individuals or corporations. The postal business is usually cited as a proof that the Government does such things better than private corporations. If a corporation managed a vast business no better than the postal business is managed that corporation would quickly bankrupt itself.

The postal business is not self-sustaining, but requires a deficit to be made up every year from other revenues. The sale of stamps and postal cards for letters, or first-class mail, go far towards supporting the cost of the other classes of mail matter. Were it not for that letter postage could be reduced fifty or seventy-five per cent. That shows bad and costly management. Every class of mail should bear its proportion of the cost of forwarding. That would be just and eminently proper. But it seems almost impossible to secure the legislation by Congress that will enable the postal department to be reorganized and run on such business principles. The postal business has long been a Government monopoly. All the Postmaster General realizes the defects of the system and try to have the more glaring ones remedied, but meet stoutly with failure because demagoguery or the influence of the

#### fferent Kinds of "Railroad" People.

Before the States instructed their delegates to the Democratic National Presidential convention in 1880 the question in the party was the advisability of again nominating Samuel J. Tilden. The arguments for and against Tilden became very heated. Gen. Wm. Preston in a public utterance took occasion to say: "I'm a Tilden man, but I'm not a damned fool Tilden man!" He said much in those few words, and they could well be applied by over-enthusiastic advocates of railroads to themselves.

In the early Fifties the majority of the people of Bath county were "railroad" men. But the sequel proved that they were "fool railroad" men. They voted a bond issue of \$150,000 in aid of the building of the Lexington and Big Sandy railroad. They gave up the bonds. The road was never built. The bonds turned up several years afterwards in the possession of Amy & Co., of New York, who demanded their payment. The county refused. Amy & Co. brought suit and gained judgment on the ground of being innocent purchasers. The county had to pay the bonds with some thirty-odd years accrued interest at 6 per cent. It cost the county some \$120,000. The majority of the people in 1852 were "fool railroad" people. Wasn't that lesson sufficient? It looks like it ought to be. And it wasn't an isolated case. Numbers of counties in this State had a similar experience and some are still resisting payment.

Throughout the United States over-enthusiastic, fondling people by being "fool railroad" people have contributed untold millions to the coffers of sharpers, who steadily plot for just such purposes. Does their being deceived contribute to the upbuilding of the country by means of railroads?

THE OUTLOOK is warmly in favor of building railroads, but it wishes the people, especially the Bath county people, to make their contributions to such projects under safeguards that will prevent them from being victimized. We have no jealousy of neighboring towns. In fact, we would like for them to have the best that fortune can bring them. And in just the same spirit we would be sorry if they should be imposed upon.

The railroad fever has infected this town time and again. For the time being we would nearly all be beside ourselves with enthusiasm and hardly amenable to reason. After it is long over it is amusing to reflect what sanguine softies many of us made of ourselves. Perhaps it is due to good luck as much as anything else that the town hasn't been victimized by pretended railroad-promoting sharpers. In truth, on such occasions of railroad enthusiasm the people nearly everywhere become hysterical like they do at some religious revival, or lose their judgment as staid, moral citizens sometimes do when a sharper begins selling to a crowd \$5 and \$10 notes for one dollar.

The result is, the preacher has a great revival to his credit, or the sharper ships with some thousands of cash, or the railroad promoter has the people ready to be duped if he so desires.

In this issue a letter from F. S. Allen, the well-known banker of Shaysburg, gives some more information of the methods used to be pursued by the Black Diamond people in regard to subscriptions to the promoter fund. We have no doubt that Mr. Allen's attitude toward the project is just like "Tux Outlook's": that is, he is warmly in favor of the road being built, but is desirous of having his fellow-citizens take proper precautions to protect themselves and not lose their money. His business has taught him the prudence that is absolutely essential to a banker. He sees the trickery constantly practiced and knows that a reckless enthusiasm is at the mercy of sharpers in matters of this kind.

BRIG. GEN. EAGAN, Commissary General, is paying the penalty of his outbreak by being suspended from his office pending his trial by a court-martial. Eagan had a world of provocation, almost more than human nature could bear if he was earnestly and honestly striving to do his duty. He was assailed from within the army and from without. A saint or a profound philosopher could have borne upon him with equanimity. Any one short of those two classes could not. Still, his language was too violent for one occupying his position in the army, and his conviction may have a salutary effect.

As a matter of news we give the announced candidates for the Democratic nomination for County Judge and those feeling their way or spoken of by their friends. The former are Squire John A. Daugherty, of Owensville; D. S. Trumbo, of Bethel, and L. S. Rogers, of Shaysburg. The latter are Judge John A. Ramsey, Chas. W. Nesbitt, J. D. McIntyre, of Owensville; Capt. Geo. M. Ewing, of Peeled Oak, and several precincts to hear from. One correspondent of THE OUTLOOK proposes "Dick" Crouch, the ex-Sheriff.

Ex-Gov. JOHN YOUNG Brown announces publicly that he will not be a candidate for Governor. The race seems to be narrowing down to between Hardin and Goebel. There will be lively times when the delegates are selected and in the State convention. The outsider who likes to get his fun out of observing politics will enjoy events hugely.

optimistic and of expansion and destiny. One of his speeches reads like the commencement essay of an unusually bright school-boy. Maybe when he "rattles" a while with practical politics at Washington he won't be so cocksure of American destiny in the hands of politicians who are the instruments of the Deity. He may conclude that it is nip and tuck between the instruments of the Deity and those of the devil as to which shall control American destiny, with tuck gaining rather the upper hand at times.

THE OUTLOOK has been black-guarded much by country newspapers which sought by that means to gain a notice that they would not receive otherwise. The Outlook has pursued a uniform policy towards such assailants, conceding without a contest that such mean-spirited papers were greater blackguards than THE OUTLOOK could hope to be. Time has justified our policy.

THE NEVADA silver party is all split into splinters over the Senatorial contest between Stewart and Newlands. The State Central Committee has voted out of the party Chairman W. E. Sharon and Congressman Newlands, who is Stewart's rival for the Senatorship. Fifteen out of forty-six committee voted also to read Stewart out of the party. Politics is lovely, and the devil wears a grin.

CONGRESSMAN AL BERRY, of Kentucky, has seriously offended Germany by speaking in the House of the United States having to thrash her. If Al and Emperor Bill fight the German will be at a disadvantage, for Berry by bending forward can outreach the Emperor by some feet. Berry is remarkably tall. That superior reach will count if they take it flat and skull or with scythe blades.

UNCLE SAM is flying so fast now that he makes his folks dizzy trying to keep up with him. The Senate passed the bill providing for the construction of the Nicaragua Canal, only six voting against it. Uncle Sam flies well, but the lighting is troublesome at times.

THE LEGISLATIVE race promises to be exciting. Rowan reports only four aspirants for the Democratic nomination and returns not all in yet. Rowan claims the right to the Democratic nominee this time. The Republican turn belongs to Bath.

THE MAINE legislature indorsed McKinley's expansion policy as a rebuke to Senator Hale and Speaker Reed. Reed's comment would be worth listening to.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

##### Licking Union.

W. M. Ham and E. W. McKinney were in Owensville Thursday.

THE SICK.—W. M. Dailey is very sick. Mrs. Lou Cogswell is also very sick. F. C. Ragland has been very poorly the past week with heart trouble.

Joe Josselson, of Salt Lick, passed up Saturday, supposed to be going to Mount Hope to see his best girl, but returned Sunday with one of Yale's belles. What's the matter, Joe?

##### Moore's Ferry.

Mrs. James Newman sold Sam Latham a milk cow and calf last Friday for \$35.

Sam Latham bought 62 head of hogs here last Friday, paying \$2.90 per hundred, averaging 125 lbs.

Elder Crouch filled his appointment at Hedrick's last Sunday. He preached a good sermon to a crowded house.

Bob Harris, of Fleming county, and Miss Mattie Moody, daughter of the late Jo Moody, of Rowan county, were married Thursday.

##### Salt Lick.

C. H. Eaton was in Cincinnati Monday.

Miss Stella Montague, of Farmers, was here Sunday.

Capt. C. Milsted, of Portsmouth, Ohio, spent Sunday here.

Fell's stove mill will shut down this week until the roads get good enough for teaming.

G. W. Young, Porter Case and wife, J. T. Moore, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Johnson, of Olympia, attended church here Sunday.

Rev. W. G. Vaughn, who has been conducting revival services at the Methodist Church, was suddenly called to his home in Nicholasville Saturday by a telegram that his oldest child, a boy of 12 years, had been badly burned.

##### Stepatone.

Ed Ginter was buried Sunday at the old homestead burying ground near his home on Peeled Oak. He died of consumption.

Geo. W. Carter had a corn-bucking and social at night Friday last week. They did good work in the day time, but they were not too tired to enjoy themselves at night, dancing and playing, and all had a good time.

We are sorry to say that Mr. Lowry's daughter is very low, with the chances against her, but while there is life there is hope, and we hope she will be spared to raise her younger brothers and sisters, who are now without a mother's care.

Mrs. W. C. Harper was very bad last week, and had three doctors with her on Sunday: Dr. Aitkin, of Flemingsburg; Dr. Thompson, of Mt. Sterling; Dr. Clark, of Howardsville. They performed an operation and removed about a pint and a half of corruption. We are glad to say she is resting easier, and we hope will soon be out again.

Newton No. 1.

Born, to John Goodpaster wife, a son.

Elder Thackard will preach at Slate Valley Church on the second Saturday night and Sunday in February.

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#### West End.

The sick are all better.

Cite a number of cases of grip. The late freshet did considerable damage here.

Johns M. Atchison, our efficient Sheriff, was here last week.

S. M. Wills has declined the idea of again living in and has bought a cattle, horse and wolf dog ranch near Mingsville, Montana.

The stove mill here shut down Thursday on account of the breaking of some part of the machinery. It will resume as soon as properly repaired.

During the recent tide B. F. Pier-sall and J. P. Copher undertook to make the run from Pier-sall's mill to Salt Lick in a small boat. She was wrecked just opposite Henry Wills' and the boys made a narrow escape with their lives, Ben minus his rubber boots and Capt. John his overcoat and hat.

#### Bethel.

Miss Lambert, of Moorefield, is visiting Miss Mittie Wilson.

Mrs. James Roberts and Miss Hattie Crouch went to Carlisle Friday shopping.

Miss Amanda Smoot, of Sherburne, is visiting Mrs. Cy. Arramith this week.

Rev. Chandler will preach at Mt. Zion, Nicholas county, the fifth Sunday in this month.

Mrs. Kenney and Miss Edna Land, of Mt. Sterling, were here Thursday on a business trip.

Mrs. Will Henderson and Mrs. Allie Robertson are on the sick list. Also a number of our citizens have grip and rheumatism.

Quarterly meeting will be held here at the Methodist Church the first Saturday and Sunday in February. Elder Vaughn will preach.

#### Upper Prickly Ash.

Master Sherman Hamilton, of near Mt. Sterling, is visiting relatives in this neighborhood.

Presley Kendall, of Myers, Nicholas county, visited his sister, Mrs. Frances Hamilton, last week.

Little Miss Irene Tackett, of Owensville, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Tackett. Mrs. W. B. Power, of Owensville, visited her mother, Mrs. Pearce Goodpaster, Saturday and Sunday.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Bristow left last week to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Goodpaster, in the eastern end of the Co.

Mrs. S. A. Daugherty went Sunday to Montgomery county to keep house for Mrs. Ella Hamilton while the latter is under medical treatment of Dr. Aitkin, at Flemingsburg.

#### Crooks.

Dud Hart is not expected to live.

Miss Ethel Barnes is dangerously sick.

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Roland Judy has quit black-smithing for S. V. Johnson. Jake Hovernale will take his place.

Charles Crockett, of Montgomery county, purchased 51 acres of land near Kendall's Spring of Clayton Howell at \$15 per acre.

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#### Okla.

Our roads are nearly impassable. So much for free pikes.

Miss Nora Hiley was the guest of Mrs. Nannie Hiley last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Riddle spent Tuesday with John M. Hedrick and wife.

James Hiley gave the young people a social Friday night. All report a pleasant time.

The sick are all improving except Aunt Betsy Daugherty, who is continually growing worse.

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We see where a miserable impostor is working his game and some of the cities of this State selling from house to house a salve which he guarantees to cure warts. All sensible people know that the only way to remove a wart is to rub it with a potato, which is afterwards to be buried by a cross-eyed negro in the northeast corner of a grave-yard at midnight during the dark of the moon. As the potato decays the wart will disappear. The salve in the tin box is a delusion and a snare.

An old observer remarked in the presence of your reporter: "Once I was young and now I am old and I've never seen a girl unfaithful to her mother that ever became to be a wretched one-eyed-bust to her husband. It isn't—guess it isn't—exactly in the Bible, but it is written large and awful in the miserable life of a misfit home. I'm talking for the boys this time. If one of you boys ever come across a girl that, with a face full of roses, says as you come to the door: 'I can't go for thirty minutes, for the dishes are not washed,' you wait for that girl. You sit right down on the doorstep and wait for her. Cause some other fellow may come along and carry her off, and right there you have lost an angel. Wait for that girl, and then stick to her like a burr in a mule's tail."

Flat Creek.

J. W. Cassidy sold a milk cow for \$40.

James Williams bought 30 shoats at \$2.90 per cwt.

Coon-hunting and gambling are the orders of the day.

Ed Owings bought 10 shoats of John McKinneman at 3c.

John Jones and J. H. Low, of White Oak, visited here last week.

Lewis Jacobs will leave this week for Tennessee to spend the winter.

Thomas Grubbs sold 330 acres of land to Clall Ewing at \$70 per acre.

J. D. Noel bought the following crops of tobacco in this vicinity last week: Garrett, Crow and Bill Steele at 6c; Wm. Rich and John Hughes at 7c and 3c; J. Carroll Hamilton, Ned Warders and John Oakley at 7c.

THE SICK.—Your scribe has been very poorly with grip. Willie, the youngest son of Odd Brumagum, has pneumonia. Wm. F. Mark is still poorly with grip. Jas. Markland is about the same. George Darnell is very sick with grip. Mrs. Susan Seerest is poorly. Mrs. Ned Warders is some better.

The Steele-McKinneman nuptial party were most hospitably entertained on the 18th at the pleasant home of W. D. Darnell with a nice social, interspersed with music, until a late hour, when all parted with light hearts, and feeling that it was a time long to be remembered. Among the guests were Misses Oddie Powers, Maggie McKinneman, Fannie and Era Hamilton; Messrs. Walter Hamilton, Joe Jones, Ki Henderson, Jake McKinneman, Ike Jones and Add Power.

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